<u>Prior law</u> provided for a six category population range and 12-step pay scale for the salaries of registrars of voters, chief deputy registrars, and the confidential assistant's of the registrars of voters.

<u>New law</u> reduces the number of population categories to five by combining the first two population ranges (0-20,000 and 20,001-40,000) contained in <u>prior law</u> into one new population range (0-40,000).

<u>New law</u> retains the other five population categories contained in <u>prior law</u>.

<u>New law</u> retains the 12-step pay plan contained in <u>prior law</u>, but increases the salary for each of these steps for the registrars of voters, chief deputy registrars, and the confidential assistants of the registrars of voters.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that each registrar automatically receives an annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range. Provides that a registrar whose salary is less than step one of the appropriate population range receives an annual salary increase of $3,000 until that amount would cause his salary to exceed step one. At that time, the registrar would receive a salary increase to the amount of the nearest step which will provide an increase of not less than $500.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u>.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that each chief deputy registrar and confidential assistant to the registrar automatically receives an annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range. Provides that a chief deputy registrar whose salary is less than step one of the appropriate population range receives an annual salary increase of $2,000 until that amount would cause his salary to exceed step one. At that time, the chief deputy registrar would receive a salary increase to the amount of the nearest step which will provide an increase of not less than $300. Provides that a confidential assistant whose salary is less than step one of the appropriate population range receives an annual salary increase of $1,000 until that amount would cause his salary to exceed step one. At that time, the confidential assistant would receive a salary increase to the amount of the nearest step which will provide an increase of not less than $200.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u>, but increases to $3,000 the maximum annual increase for those chief deputy registrars and confidential assistants whose salary is not at step one.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that the salaries provided by law for the registrar, the chief deputy, and any other unclassified employees may be supplemented by the parish governing authority. <u>Prior law</u> provided that supplements granted prior to the time the registrar's, chief deputy's, or confidential assistant's salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range reduced the amount payable by the state.

<u>New law</u> removes the provision that any supplements granted by the parish governing authority prior to the time the registrar's, chief deputy's, or confidential assistant's salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range reduces the amount payable by the state.

Effective July 1, 1999.

(Amends R.S. 18:55(A)(2), 56, 59(B)(2) and (4) and (C)(2) and (4))